



# To the Right Honorable the House of COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT.

*The most humble Petition of Constantine Skinner  
of London, Merchant.*

*Sheweth,*

**T**hat Sir *Edward Powel* Knight and Baronet, and Dame *Mary* his Wife, being seised in Fee-tail of the Lands in question in the Right of the Lady, by the Gift of Sir *Peter Vanlore* her Father, in the year 1651. Levied several Fines of the said Lands to the use (of part thereof) of the Lady *Powel* for life, the Remainder to *Anne*, the Wife of *Thomas Levington* Esq; the Ladies Neece, and to her Heirs.

And that after the death of Sir *Edward* and his Lady in the year 1656. your Petitioner by advice of Councel, learned in the Law, relying upon the said Fines; purchased the said Lands of *Thomas Levington*, and *Anne* his Wife; for which your Petitioner paid them Six thousand five hundred pound in money, and ever since hath enjoyed the said Lands, being of the value of Three hundred and fifty pound per annum.

That this present Parliament, the Heirs of Sir *Peter Vanlore* have Petitioned the Right Honorable the Lords assembled in Parliament, to vacate or set aside the said Fines levied by the said Lady *Powel*, pretending the said Fines were drawn from the Lady by force and practice, and have thereupon obtained a Bill for that purpose from the House of Lords, which is now sent from their Lordships to your Honorable House of Commons for your Honors concurrence therein.

*Your Petitioners humble Prayer to your Honors, is, That you will be pleased to take the said matter into your grave Judgments, and consider not only the mischief and ruine that therein will fall upon your Petitioner the Purchaser, but also the great Inconvenience that by such a President may reflect upon the Estates of all the Freeholders of England, (whereof your Honors are the Representative). In case Fines the Common Assurances of all the Lands in England may be vacated or questioned by Averments of Matter of Fact, contrary to the known Laws of England. And that you will be pleased to hear your Petitioner his Councel and Witnesses therein, before you determine anything thereof.*

*And your Petitioner shall pray, &c.*